

WHO PAYS ?

YOU PAY.

Report Medicare Fraud.



Step One

Call your health care provider to explain or clarify unusual or questionable Medicare charges. Most are honest and want to prevent fraud.



Step Two

If you still have questions, call your Medicare insurance company.



Step Three

If you have called your health care provider or Medicare insurance company and continue to have questions, call the Medicare Fraud Hotline at:

1-800-447-8477
(1-800-HHS-TIPS)

Remember

If you have already called your health care provider or Medicare insurance company and continue to have questions, call the Medicare Fraud Hotline



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(1-800-HHS-TIPS)

Please call Monday through Friday,
8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Eastern Time

TTY# 1-800-377-4950
FAX# 1-800-223-8164

Or Write to

Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Health
and Human Services
HHS-TIPS Fraud Hotline
P.O. Box 23489
Washington, D.C. 20026

E-mail

https@os.dhhs.gov



What You Can Do To



Medicare Fraud

Office of Inspector General

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

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What to Look For

- Billing for services or supplies not provided.
- Altering claim form to obtain a higher payment.
- Kickbacks or bribes; for example, payments or gifts in return for medical services or patient referrals.
- The use of another person's Medicare card to obtain medical care.
- Claim for services that are not necessary.
- Medical equipment or services not ordered by a physician.



How Can I Protect Myself from Medicare Fraud?

- Always rely on your personal physician to recommend all medical services and equipment for you.
- Beware of anyone who uses pressure or scare tactics to sell you medical equipment, supplies, and health insurance.
- Never give your Medicare or Medicaid number to strangers.
- Never allow anyone to convince you to contact your physician requesting a service or product which you do not need.
- Never give your Medicare or Medicaid number to anyone for a “free” service. They do not need your Medicare or Medicaid number if the service is truly free.
- Never accept medical supplies or equipment from a door-to-door salesperson.
- Never allow anyone to review your medical records or prescription medications without your physician's or pharmacist's approval.
- Never believe anyone who says they are from Medicare or any Federal agency trying to sell you products or services. Neither the Federal Government nor Medicare endorses the products or services of any individual or company.